

NATIONAL DEFENSE THE ISSUE

Roosevelt Believes in Preparedness—To Be Unprepared is to Invite Destruction—Might, the Servant of Right, Must Oppose Might, the Servant of Wrong.

Washington, Dec. 29.—A paper by Theodore Roosevelt on "Social Values and National Existence" furnished a theme for an animated discussion today before the American Sociological Society in annual session here. It was read by Professor Edward A. Ross, of the University of Wisconsin, president of the society.

"Infinitely the most important fact to remember in connection with the war and militarism in relation to moral and social events," wrote Mr. Roosevelt, "is that if an unscrupulous, war-like and militaristic nation is not held in check by the warlike ability of a neighboring non-militaristic and well-behaved nation, then the latter will be spared the necessity of dealing with moral and social values because it won't be allowed to deal with anything."

"It seems to me positively comic to fail to appreciate, with the example of Belgium before our eyes, that the real question which modern peace loving nations have to face is not how the militaristic or warlike spirit within their own borders will affect these values, but how failure on their part to resist the militarism of an unscrupulous neighbor will affect them."

Mr. Roosevelt referred to medieval Persia and Russia and to modern China, Korea and Armenia to show what happened to nations which applied practically the theories of pacifists.

"There are well-meaning people," read the letter, "utterly incapable of learning any lesson taught by history, utterly incapable of understanding what is going on in the world, who nevertheless, wish to turn this country into an occidental China—the kind of China which every intelligent Chinaman of the present day is seeking to abolish. There are plenty of politicians, by no means as well-meaning, who find it to their profit to pander to the desire common to most men to live softly and easily and avoid risks and effort. Timid and lazy men, men absorbed in money getting, men absorbed in life and luxury, and all soft and slothful people naturally hail with delight anybody who will give them high sounding names behind which to cloak their unwillingness to run risks or to toil and endure. Emotional philanthropists to whom thinking is a distasteful form of mental exercise, enthusiastically champion this attitude."

Discussing the mental confusion of the average citizen who thinks war in itself is wrong, Mr. Roosevelt wrote that war could be defined as the use of force between nations and that the question of whether it was right or wrong depended purely upon the purpose for which and the spirit in which it was waged.

"There are, of course, persons who believe all force is immoral and that it is immoral to resist wrong doing by force," he added. "I have never taken much interest in individuals who profess this kind of morality, and I do not know the extent to which they practically apply it. But of course if they are right in the theory, then it is wrong for a man to endeavor by force to save his wife or sister or daughter from rape or other abuse, or to save his children from abduction and torture. It is a waste of time to discuss with any man a position of such folly, wickedness and pother."

"At present in this world, and for the immediate future," wrote Col. Roosevelt in conclusion, "it is certain that the only way successfully to oppose the might which is the servant of wrong is by means of the might which is the servant of right."

CHARLES GOLSON.

Miss Vera Charles and John R. Golson, both of Union, were married Thursday evening in the presence of relatives and friends at the parsonage by the Rev. David W. Keller of the Green Street Methodist church. The bride has for the past two weeks been visiting her sister, Mrs. Miles Wood, on Barnwell street. Mr. Golson holds a responsible position with the Union branch of the Southern Cotton Oil Company and also has farming interests near St. Matthews. Mr. and Mrs. Golson will spend the holidays with relatives of Mr. Golson in St. Matthews, after which they will go to home to their friends on South street, Union.—The State.

These young people have hosts of friends in this city who wish for them long life and much happiness.

DIPLOMATIC BREAK IMMINENT.

Austria's Reply Not Likely to Prove Satisfactory—Situation Grave, It is Said.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Unofficial advice received here today conformed with intimations from abroad that Austria's forthcoming reply to the Ancona note will fail to meet the demands of the United States, and Teutonic circles here were authoritatively represented as being prepared for a break in diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Various developments, it was agreed, might avoid such an eventual, but none of the counter proposals which it has been intimated the Vienna foreign office might advance have been regarded so far as coming within Secretary Lansing's renewal of the demands for disavowal, reparation and punishment of the submarine commander who sunk the Ancona, with the loss of more than a dozen American lives.

Now that the situation, after being dormant nearly two weeks, is again beginning to take on the aspects of a crisis, the status of the negotiations of the United States over submarine warfare against merchantmen, not with Austria alone, but with the Teutonic Powers as allies, is commanding attention.

No Assurance From Austria. Although Germany has given the United States assurances that she will conform to the principle of visit and search before attack, the practices against which the United States so vigorously contended are being carried on now by her ally, and it has been charged that the Austrian submarines are in some instances furnished by Germany, and in others are officered and manned by the German navy. Such a situation, it is being pointed out, amounts to practically a defeat of the submarine negotiations with Germany. Furthermore, the impasse in the Lusitania negotiations becomes a factor in the situation.

It is admitted that the United States scarcely can request Austria to conduct submarine warfare in its relation to the rights of neutrals in a manner different from that permitted to Germany.

Meaning of "Liner"?

Germany has admitted her obligation not to sink liners without giving warning and making provision for the safety of passengers and crews providing there was no resistance. So far no agreement has been reached as to the exact meaning of the word liners. The Germans hold it is applicable to vessels carrying passengers alone and plying between certain ports on regular schedules. The State department's view has been that the terms include any merchant ship belonging to a regular steamship line, but no issue has been made of the differing interpretations because Germany has undertaken to use such precautions as may be consistent with the use of the submarine, to warn merchantmen, and to insure the safety of the passengers and crew, provided these are not a part of the military establishment of the enemy.

The demand of the United States upon Austria in connection with the Ancona case is broader than any German admission, being based upon the contention that international law. The Hague conventions and the declaration of London all require warning before sinking a vessel, and insurance of the safety of the passengers and crew, even when the vessel is of belligerent ownership, and where she does not comply with German ideas of the term liner.

Austrian Submarines Active.

The Austrian government has not admitted any such obligations and recent events in the Mediterranean indicate that her submarine commanders are sinking merchantmen without warning and without inquiry as to whether they carry neutral passengers. So far no explanation beyond that of military necessity has been offered.

Unless the expected note from that government should amount to a sudden and total severance of diplomatic relations, it is expected in official quarters that the Austrian foreign office will seek to justify its methods, perhaps adopting one of the original German contentions in the Lusitania case, that the appearance of the submarine as a weapon of war has introduced new problems and not only justified, but demanded a departure from the old rules.

STOLE SET OF HARNESS.

"Pluce" Hayes, colored, was arrested by Chief of Police Evans Wednesday, charged with stealing a set of harness from Dr. McElroy some six weeks ago. The police found the harness in the possession of Cordezo Hampton, Hampton claiming to have purchased them from "Pluce." Both parties will be tried in police court.

"D. A. R." CHAPTER TO MEET.

Fair Forest Chapter, D. A. R., will meet Tuesday afternoon, January 4th, at 3:30 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. F. H. Garner, South street.

The hostesses for the occasion are Mrs. J. F. Matheson, Mrs. H. K. Smith and Mrs. F. H. Garner.

TWENTY ALLOWED BY CONGRESS

Number Battleships Recommended by Congress During Past 12 Years Far Under Request of Naval Board, Which Asked for Forty-two During That Period.

Washington, Dec. 29.—While the navy board has recommended the construction of forty-two battleships during the last 12 years and secretaries of the navy have reduced them to 29, congress has authorized only 20. These figures are disclosed in the summary of recommendations made by the board and by the secretaries published as an appendix to Secretary Daniels' annual report.

In 1903 the general board laid down the policy that the fleet should consist of 48 battleships of the first line by 1919, a policy to which it has faithfully adhered to up to this year, when they abandoned specific figures and declared the fleet should equal the strongest afloat by no later than 1925. The board urged two ships in 1903 and one was authorized. The next year it urged three ships to make up the deficiency and two were authorized. In 1907 it recommended four ships, a figure to which it has clung until this year when four dreadnaughts and four battle cruisers or total of eight ships, were asked for.

With the exception of three years during this period the secretaries have reduced the board's proposals by one or two ships. With the exception of five years, congress eliminated at least one ship from each year's recommendation by the secretary and the wishes of the board have been met, four ship programs having been cut to one ship each year on three occasions.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Mr. James A. McWhirter, manager of the Union Roller Mills, had a narrow escape from a serious accident Monday morning when his car, owing to imperfect brakes, collided with a shifting freight train at the Southern crossing. Mr. McWhirter and two colored workmen who were in the car, jumped to safety. The car was slightly damaged.

SALVATION ARMY GIVES CHRISTMAS DINNER.

The Salvation Army, under the leadership of Envoy and Mrs. D. T. McAbee, collected, prepared and delivered 35 Christmas baskets to as many families here Christmas day. To each one of the 35 families a basket with tempting viands, ready for the table, was given out. A generous supply of fruits and nuts was included in each basket.

The number of meals given was 875, the 35 baskets containing sufficient food for a family of eight for two days. Each basket contained: One chicken, 1 can tomatoes, 1 can corn, 1 can hominy or pork and beans, 1 can coffee, 1 can milk, 1 can syrup, 1 bottle pickles, 1 jar jelly, 1 package crackers, 1 package cake, sugar, rice, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, 1 loaf bread, apples, oranges, nuts, raisins and 1 "War Cry," the Salvation Army paper.

The good work of Mr. and Mrs. McAbee has the hearty endorsement of the people of Union.

ELKS PLAY SANTA CLAUS.

The B. P. O. Elks of this city played Santa Claus to numbers of families Christmas Eve. They provided substantial food, fruit, nuts and candies for the Christmas dinners and filled the stockings of many little children that otherwise would have been empty. This organization is very charitable and every year spends large sums of money to bring cheer and happiness.

POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE WED TUESDAY EVENING.

Miss Ledbetter Becomes Bride of Mr. Wiley Sanders—Honeymoon Spent in "Land of Flowers."

Miss Kelly Ledbetter and Mr. J. Wiley Sanders were quietly married Tuesday evening, December 28th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Sanders. The ceremony was read by Rev. J. F. Matheson, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Sanders left on the evening train for Jacksonville and other points of interest in Florida. Mrs. Sanders is a young woman of charming personality and splendid mental endowment. She is of the blonde type and very attractive.

Mr. Sanders is a member of the firm of Sanders Bros., and is much esteemed by his business associates and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders, after a honeymoon sojourn, will go to housekeeping on S. Mountain street.

SEC'Y. KENNEDY'S NEW YEAR CARD

Calls Upon Business Men to Boost Their City—Urges That Everybody Unite in Efforts to Bring New Enterprises and New People. Make the Coming Year the Best Ever.

Union, S. C., Dec. 29, 1915.

Let our slogan for 1916 be "Union First." Give your home business houses the first opportunity to supply your wants before trying to buy elsewhere. Make your wants known to the home concerns, and if they can not supply you they may add the articles you want to their line and thereby improve their stock of goods. If the merchants have found it unprofitable to carry in stock the goods you want, then give them an opportunity to order the goods for you. The merchant can buy cheaper than you and make a legitimate profit and at the same time sell you the same goods cheaper than you can buy elsewhere. Give the home concerns all of your business so as to enable them to carry stocks of goods you will be proud of.

Let everybody start to "Boost Union" New Year's Day, and say something good about your town every succeeding day for 365 days. When we say everybody we mean every inhabitant of our town regardless of age, sex or vocation. We want the mothers to teach the children to tell the good things about their town. You will enjoy it more, like it more, feel better, and be more prosperous if you will speak well of your town.

You are urged to use every effort at your command to bring people to Union. You might interest some one in building a small factory of some kind or perhaps to purchase a farm in the county by telling some of the advantages of your town and county. If every person in Union would cause another to move here and do something, wouldn't "Our Town Grow?"

A. G. Kennedy,
Secretary.

OF INTEREST HERE.

Frank E. McCravy is at home to spend Christmas with his mother. He arrived Wednesday from Campbellville, Ky., where he has been engaged in a meeting as evangelistic singer for three weeks. For several weeks he was in Louisiana on his last engagement, and he next goes to Fairfield, Ill., thence to Valparaiso, Ind. He will be at home only about ten days.—Laurensville Herald.

MAY-VAN PATTEN WEDDING.

Of interest to a wide circle of friends in the Carolinas and Virginia occurred yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Coniffee on North Caldwell street when Miss Annie May, sister of Mrs. Coniffee, became the bride of Mr. Earle Van Patten. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. M. Vines, pastor of the First Baptist church in the presence of a number of the family and a number of friends of the bride and groom.

The Coniffee home was beautifully decorated for the occasion, a color note of white and green predominating and being artistically combined with the holiday note of ivy and mistletoe. Mrs. Walter Myers at the piano rendered the wedding march from Lohengrin, as the bride and groom entered the parlor and Dvorak's "Humoresque" during the ceremony.

The bridal couple received an array of valuable and handsome gifts, among them a fine cut glass water service from the Southern Public Utilities Company, with which company the groom has been connected for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Van Patten left immediately after the ceremony for Norfolk, Va., to visit Mr. Van Patten's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Van Patten. They will return to Charlotte after the holidays and will reside here.

The bride is a daughter of the late George C. May of Union, S. C., and Mrs. May, who now resides here. Miss May has been in Charlotte for the past two years, during which time she made many friends. She is a young woman of marked beauty and attractiveness of the blonde type and of winning personality. She wore last night a travelling suit of brown cloth with hat to match and a corsage bouquet of Parma violets. Mr. Van Patten is a young business man of ability and is held in high esteem by members of the Southern Public Utilities Co., which whom he holds a responsible position in the auditing department, and also a wide host of friends which he made during his stay in Charlotte.—Charlotte News.

Miss Ina McNally, who teaches at Sumter, is visiting relatives in the city during the holidays.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Supposed Murder or Suicide—Alleged Perpetrator of Crime a Pardoned Convict.

(News and Courier).

Columbia, Dec. 28.—Ada Geddings, a white woman about 20 years of age, was found lying on Sumter street early this morning by Policeman Lee, with her throat cut from ear to ear. Her body was cold when found. In a rear bed room of this woman's house the dead body of Ed White, the night fireman at the State House, was found a gash in the throat showing that the severing of a jugular vein put an end to his life. The theory of the police is that White killed the woman in a fit of jealous rage and then committed suicide.

White was paroled from the State penitentiary on March 5, 1913, by Gov. Bleasie, after serving part of a life sentence for murder. He was convicted in the Richland county court on March 30, 1899, of the murder of a white woman, and on a recommendation to mercy by the jury was sentenced to life imprisonment. He was about 40 years of age and in the past few months had served as night fireman at the capitol.

The Geddings woman had White arrested by the police on a charge of disorderly conduct, and he was fined for this offence in the record's court yesterday morning, which fine he paid. The woman said he had threatened her life with a pistol. It is stated that a pistol was found in the dead woman's trunk by the police today.

The body of the woman was found in the street in front of her home about 3:45 o'clock this morning. The dead man was an inoffensive looking white man and the double tragedy caused considerable interest here this morning. It took place in the 600 block of Sumter street.

White is survived by an aged mother, who is prostrated by the tragedy.

ENTERTAINED IN HONOR OF REV. AND MRS. E. S. JONES.

The ladies of Grace Methodist church entertained at a large reception Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Clough Wallace, in compliment to their new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Jones.

The home was artistically decorated for the occasion and receiving with Rev. and Mrs. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, were the ministers of the different churches and their wives.

Delicious refreshments were served and number of people called during the evening to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Jones to our community.

MOVES TO CHESTERFIELD.

Rev. J. K. Hair has resigned his work at Cross Anchor and moved to Chesterfield. He begins work on his new field January 1st.

Mr. Hair is well known in Union, having served the Second Baptist church for several years and his friends here wish for him continued success.

JUNIOR BARACAS ENTERTAIN.

The Junior Baracas of the First Baptist church entertained their friends at a banquet Thursday evening in the church parlors. These young men have established a custom of having a banquet during the holidays and invitations to this event are eagerly sought.

Mr. J. K. Hamblin is the teacher and the class is a large one.

ROGERS-RHINEHART.

Mr. A. Y. Rogers and Miss Annie Rhinehart of Buffalo, S. C., were quietly married by Rev. L. L. Wagoner at his residence in Union, S. C., Wednesday, December 22, 1915.

SELLS TO SON.

Mr. J. J. Eison has sold out his interest in the J. J. Eison and Co. grocery store, below Excelsior mills, to his son, Mr. J. L. Eison, who will continue the business at the old stand. Mr. Eison, after selling his interest, left for Florida to spend the winter.

SHYLES-FARR.

Miss Myrtle Farr and Mr. B. H. Shyles of Union were quietly married at the home of Rev. L. L. Wagoner, the officiating minister, in Union, S. C., Christmas day, 1915.

ALLEN-SIMMS.

Miss Jennie Simms and Mr. Doss Allen, of Buffalo, S. C., were united in marriage of the evening of December 25th, 1915, by Rev. L. L. Wagoner, at his home in Union, S. C.

Rev. Leon M. Hall, of Trinity College, is visiting his father, Mr. J. N. Hall, for the Xmas holidays. Mr. Hall is now in the junior class at Trinity.

Mr. D. J. Fant, railroad engineer and popular speaker, passed through Union Monday on his way to Atlanta from an engagement in Columbia. Mr. Fant is in great demand as a speaker and finds time now and then, from his work to make addresses. He has maintained a mission worker in China for

DISPENSARIES OF UNION LIBRARY CLOSED

Dec. 29, the Last Day—Closing Was by Order of the County Board For Purpose of Stock Taking and Because Their Commissions Expired on That Day.

The Union county dispensaries were closed here Wednesday at 6 o'clock p. m., Dec. 29. The county dispensary board ordered the closing at this time for the reason that their commissions expired on the 29th of this month, and they ordered the dispensaries closed at that time. Stock taking and checkin gout the employees law allowed the dispensaries to operate. This closes out the salaried employees at the end of a month, thus avoiding additional expense in that way.

The stock on hand is less than most people thought there would be. The stock taking has not been completed and it is not known just what amount is on hand. There will probably be seven or eight thousand dollars worth of liquor on hand. It will be a matter for the legislature to decide as to what will be done with the left-over stock.

All obligations of the dispensary have been met; the money on hand will amount to some twenty-five thousand dollars, and after all expenses are met the schools, city and county, will each receive a third.

It was rumored here Wednesday that Governor Manning had ordered the dispensaries close that day. Such was not the case; the county board acted in the matter, as above stated, upon their own volition.

HOLCOMB-BETENBAUGH.

Mr. Rufus T. Holcomb and Miss Mary Betenbaugh of South Union, were quietly married in the presence of a few intimate friends at the home of Rev. L. L. Wagoner, the officiating minister, Friday night, December 24, 1915, at Union, S. C.

MOVES TO LUMBERTON.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Townsend and family will leave this week for Lumberton, N. C., where they will make their home in the future. They have been a part of the church and social life of this community for a number of years and it is with regret that we give them up. The good wishes of the people will follow them to their new home.

DEATH OF AN AGED LADY.

On Sunday, Dec. 26th, "Grandma" Brown, wife of Newton J. Brown, died at her son's home at Ottaray. She was about 75 or 80 years of age. She had been in failing health for several years. She is survived by her husband, one son and one daughter. Funeral services were conducted by D. W. Garvin and she was buried at Mt. Joy.

She had been a member of the Methodist church for about 60 years. The sympathy of the community is with the bereaved.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. T. Ravenscroft have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sophia, to Mr. George Royster, the marriage to be celebrated on Saturday evening, January 1st, at the Episcopal church.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ravenscroft and is a young woman of exceptional ability and charm.

Mr. Royster is a rising young business man and is held in high esteem.

ROBBED WINDOW.

A burglar smashed the plate glass in one of the front windows of Stone-Jones Hardware Co. Monday and stole a revolver therefrom. The robbery occurred directly under one of the lamp posts of the "White Way."

MOTHER GOOSE PARTY.

The Jefferson Davis Chapter, Children of the Confederacy, held a Mother Goose party Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Macbeth Young. The directress, Mrs. James W. Mixson, was dressed as Mother Goose and the children represented "Red Riding Hood," "Little Boy Blue," Jack Horn, Ole King Cole, Mrs. Mary, quite Contrary and a great variety of gnomes and fairies were at the party and participated in the fun. All of Mother Goose's children sang Dixie and the Bonnie Blue Flag and little Red Riding Hood and Ole King Cole gave several recitations and songs.

Ices and cake were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Dan Wallace, Mrs. McNally and Mrs. Ella D. Rodgers.